

Draft Agenda

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Room 102, State Capitol
Helena, Montana**

8:00 Call to Order -- Rep. Alan Olson, Chair

- **Roll Call**
- **Introduction of Secretary -- Rebecca Sattler**
- **June 13, 2003 Minutes**

8:15 Updates

- **Governor's Energy Consumer Protection Task Force -- Rep. Alan Olson and John Hines, Task Force Chair**
- **Environmental Quality Council Alternative Energy Working Group -- Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst**

8:45 Financial Status of NorthWestern Corporation

- **Status, Impacts on Ratepayers and Other Montanans, Related Actions -- John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy; Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel; and Bob Rowe, Public Service Commission (PSC)**
- **Review of Legal Issues Associated with Bankruptcy -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney**

10:00 Break

10:15 Electricity and Gas Rates Statewide

- **Current Status and Prognosis -- Bob Rowe, PSC**
- **Discussion -- ETIC members**

10:45 Work Plan

- **Discussion of Any Proposed Revisions**
- **Adoption**

noon Lunch

1:15 Review of Significant Administrative Rules -- Todd Everts, ETIC Staff Attorney

1:35 Default Supply of Electricity

- **Overview of Options Paper -- Mary Vandenbosch, ETIC Research Analyst**
- **Panel Discussion -- Dave Wheelihan, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association; Don Quander, Large Customer Group; Bob Rowe, PSC; John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy; Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel; Debbie Smith, Natural Resources Defense Council/Renewable Northwest Project**

- **Public Comment**

2:45 Break

3:00 Default Supply of Electricity, continued

- **Committee Questions and Discussion**
- **Identification of Next Steps -- Committee Members**

4:00 PSC Oversight Over Utility Assets

- **Discussion**
- **Identification of Question, Options, or Next Steps**

4:30 Other Updates

- **PSC**
- **Other**

4:45 Public Comment on Matters within Committee's Jurisdiction

5:00 Other Business

- **Budget**
- **Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- **Identify Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- **Instructions to Staff**

5:30 Adjourn

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